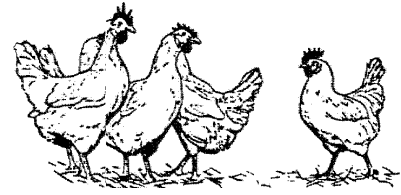


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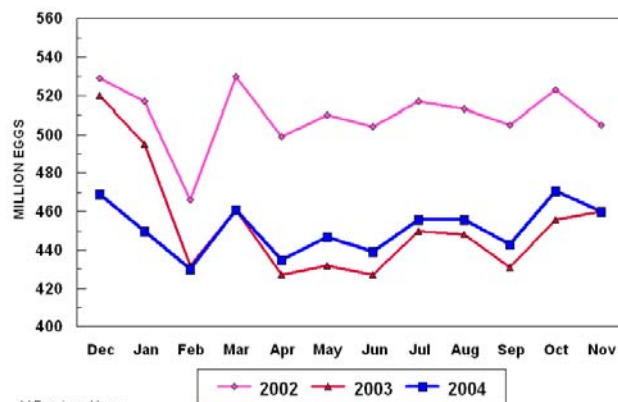
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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during November totaled 460 million, 11.0 million less than last month, but unchanged compared to last November. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.6 million, 2 percent more than last month, but 1 percent less than November 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,231 compared to 2,289 last month and 2,220 in November 2003.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004

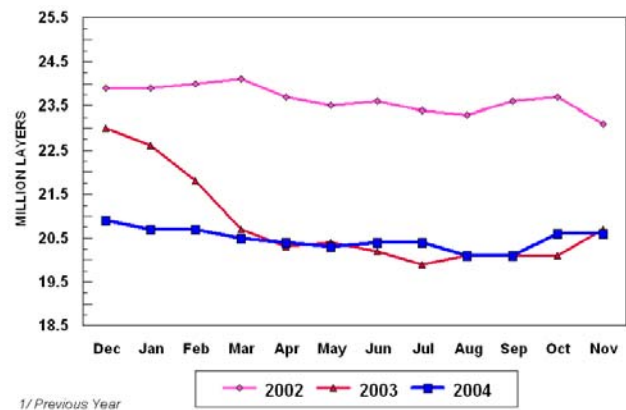


U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during November 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2004 averaged 343 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, up slightly from November 2003.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 343 million on December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,364	9,300	1,901	1,871	178	174	0.5	0.0	7.0	5.0
Arkansas	14,637	14,196	1,886	1,874	276	266	0.0	1.0	11.0	10.5
California	20,721	20,614	2,220	2,231	460	460	2.0	3.0	35.5	33.0
Georgia	20,499	20,079	2,059	2,092	422	420	0.5	2.0	17.5	17.0
Indiana	22,880	23,040	2,220	2,240	508	516	2.0	0.0	32.0	33.0
Iowa	40,878	46,545	2,295	2,187	938	1,018	2.0	5.0	28.0	34.0
North Carolina	10,769	10,826	1,913	1,921	206	208	0.0	0.5	10.5	7.0
Ohio	29,238	28,149	2,151	2,210	629	622	5.5	3.5	22.0	29.0
Pennsylvania	23,946	23,630	2,238	2,306	536	545	3.0	1.0	23.5	13.0
Texas	18,409	18,599	2,129	2,156	392	401	5.5	1.5	17.5	21.0
United States	338,283	343,477	2,166	2,170	7,326	7,455	2.5	2.6	22.7	23.8

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The November 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 645 million on December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2004, up 1 percent from November 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	96,042	100,202	104
Arkansas	102,438	99,960	98
Delaware	12,511	12,820	102
Florida	4,781	4,735	99
Georgia	106,271	111,514	105
Kentucky	21,814	23,064	106
Louisiana	13,529	13,587	100
Maryland	29,951	29,502	99
Mississippi	62,361	66,989	107
North Carolina	61,568	62,238	101
Oklahoma	21,616	22,506	104
Pennsylvania	11,588	12,908	111
South Carolina	14,162	15,958	113
Texas	48,962	50,554	103
Virginia	22,501	22,555	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	56,624	60,654	107
Other States ^{1/}	20,908	21,043	101
UNITED STATES	707,627	730,789	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 38.4 million, up 27 percent from November 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on December 1, 2004, up 10 percent from a year ago.

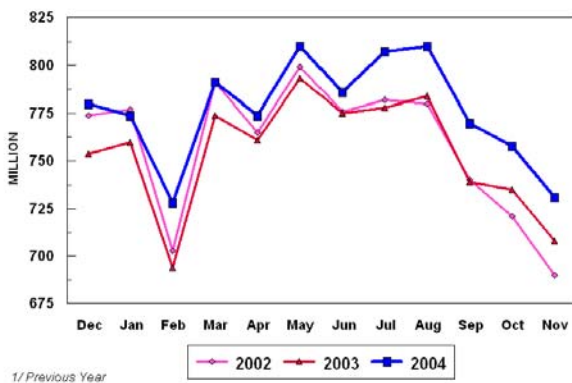
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 225 thousand during November 2004, down 29 percent from November 2003.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

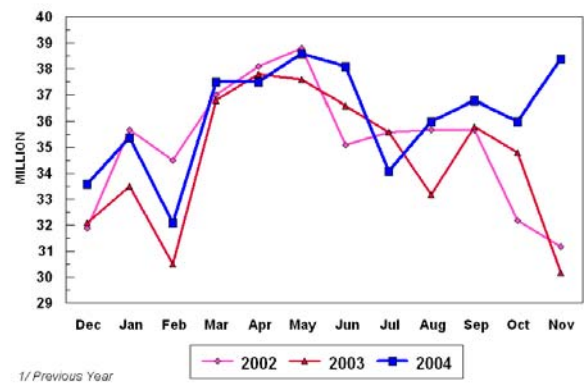
State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	943	1,215	129
Florida	688	830	121
Georgia	1,728	2,035	118
Indiana	4,023	5,261	131
Iowa	4,989	6,465	130
Minnesota	1,110	820	74
Pennsylvania	3,873	5,787	149
Other States ^{1/}	12,887	16,008	124
UNITED STATES	30,241	38,421	127

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,332	12,228	99	5,249	6,793	129
East North Central	8,206	8,405	102	7,763	8,008	103
West North Central	22,517	22,061	98	8,173	6,977	85
South Atlantic	230,943	232,414	101	2,152	4,590	213
South Central	339,356	344,089	101	5,314	5,234	98
West	24,800	25,478	103	4,009	4,300	107
UNITED STATES	638,154	644,675	101	32,660	35,902	110

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average November prices received by California producers, when compared to October average prices, increased 13.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

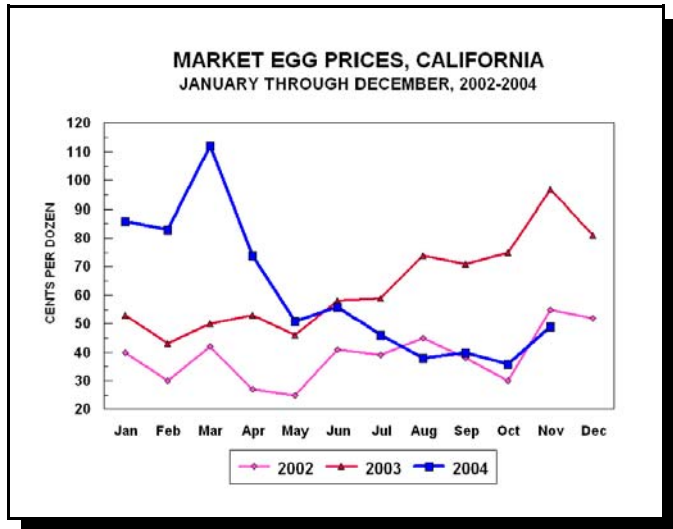
Nationally, the November market egg price, at 43.6 cents per dozen, increased 13.3 cents from October, but decreased 48.9 cents from last year. Increase in market egg price was due to seasonal demand. The November broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, was unchanged from October. The November turkey price, at 49.0 cents per pound, is up 0.6 cents from last month.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	97.0	36.0	49.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	39.0	39.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	92.5	30.3	43.6
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	41.2	48.4	49.0

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

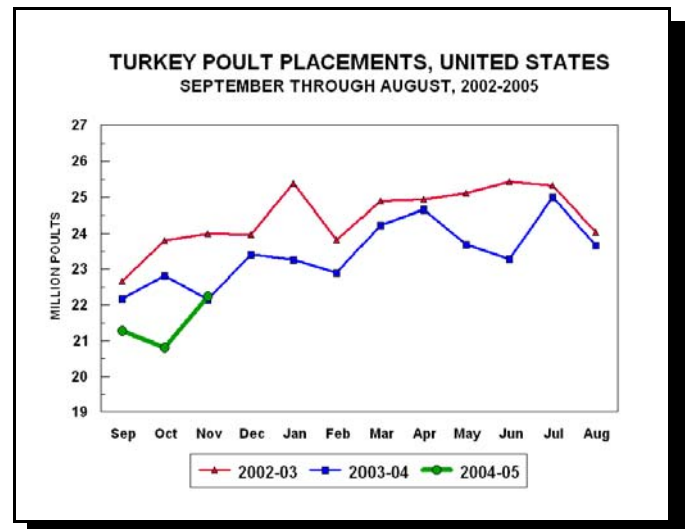
U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 27.7 million on December 1, 2004, 2 percent below December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 1, 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West up 6 percent.

The 22.2 million poult placed during November 2004 in the United States were up slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 7 percent from the October 2004 total of 20.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 2 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators December 1		2004 2003	Poult Placed During Nov. 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,674	4,576	98	3,448	3,144	91
W N Central	10,995	11,096	101	8,238	8,382	102
N & S Atlantic	8,556	7,677	90	6,922	7,344	106
S Central	2,315	2,431	105	1,983	1,827	92
West	1,852	1,969	106	1,564	1,535	98
U.S.	28,392	27,749	98	22,155	22,232	100

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		04-05 03-04	Cumulative Total		04-05 03-04
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct.	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov.	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec.	23,424			90,555		
Jan.	23,273			113,828		
Feb.	22,905			136,733		
Mar.	24,215			160,948		
Apr.	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,013			257,608		
Aug.	23,674			281,282		

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	<u>Nov. 2004</u> Nov. 2003	<u>Nov. 2004</u> Oct. 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	37,138	41,231	28,279	76	69
Chickens	Lbs.	29,573	39,090	39,155	132	100
Ducks	Lbs.	64	43	74	116	172
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	66,775	80,364	67,508	101	84
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	350,668	478,217	294,156	84	62
Chickens	Lbs.	569,268	801,953	768,850	135	96
Ducks	Lbs.	1,831	823	580	32	70
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	921,767	1,280,993	1,063,586	115	83
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	14,909	17,877	17,235	116	96

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